

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2005/000939.

Please add new claims 18-44 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (new): Method of telecommunication between a first user and a second user over a telecommunications network, the method comprising:


providing a first connection between the first user and a telecommunications network via a first terminal;

providing a second connection between the second user and the telecommunications network via a second terminal;

allocating a first virtual representative to the first user and a second virtual representative to the second user;

presenting the first and second virtual representatives on the first terminal and on the second terminal;

transferring information from the first user to the second user and vice versa by an animation of at least one of the first and second representatives and by an interaction between the first and second representatives, wherein at least one of the animation and the interaction takes place in response to a drag & drop command of a user, and wherein an animation of the first virtual representative takes place in response to a command of the first user and an animation of the second virtual representative takes place in response to a command of the second user.

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Claim 19 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the animation and/or interaction is presented simultaneously, parallel and in real time on the first and second terminals.

Claim 20 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising at least one of:
directly interrupting an ongoing animation or interaction in response to a new user command to carry out a desired animation or interaction;
concluding an ongoing animation or interaction and presenting a desired animation or interaction in response to a user command to carry out the desired animation or interaction;
placing a desired animation or interaction in a waiting list of respective animations or interactions to be carried out in response to a user command to carry out the desired animation or interaction; and
interrupting a first animation or interaction triggered by the first user and replacement of the first animation or interaction by a second animation or interaction triggered by the second user and vice versa.

Claim 21 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
recognizing at least one of a speech and a text input by the first or second user into the respective one of the first and second terminals;
analyzing and interpreting the speech or text input;

Claim 22 (new): The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising:
performing a video recognition of at least one of the first and second user's facial expression; and
analyzing and interpreting the facial expression.

Claim 23 (new): The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising:
providing a plurality of suitable animation or interaction possibilities in tune with a sense of at least one of the speech input, the text input and the facial expression.

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Claim 24 (new): The method as recited in claim 23, further comprising:
animating at least one of the first representative, the second representative and an interaction between the first and second representatives in tune with a sense of at least one of the speech input, the text input and the facial expression.

Claim 25 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
presenting animation and interaction possibilities of the first and second representatives in a tabular overview, wherein the tabular overview has a fixed number of classes in which the animation and interaction possibilities are collected and can be retrieved.


Claim 26 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising
providing a drawing function so as to enable a real-time transfer of a drawing by at least one of the first and second users on a respective one of the first and second terminals to the other one of the first and second users on the other one of the first and second terminals.

Claim 27 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
presenting a mood display on a respective one of the first and second terminals indicating a current respective mood of one of the first and second representatives;

Claim 28 (new): The method as recited in claim 27, further comprising animating the representative as a reaction to a modification of the mood display.

Claim 29 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the presentation of the first and second representatives at the first terminal is one of a mirror image and an inverted mirror image of the presentation of the first and second representative at the second terminal.

Claim 30 (new): The method as recited in claim 29, wherein at least one of the animation of the first or second representative and the interaction between the first and second representatives takes place depending on predeterminable criteria.

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Claim 31 (new): The method as recited in claim 30, wherein the criteria are stored in a user profile allocated to at least one of the first and second users.

Claim 32 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, further comprising providing a selection of animations and/or interactions to be transferred to at least one of the first and second two users.

Claim 33 (new): The method as recited in claim 32, further comprising proposing the selection to be transferred to predeterminable criteria stored in a user profile allocated to at least one of the first and second users.


Claim 34 (new): The method as recited in claim 33, the predeterminable criteria include details about at least one of the first and second users.

Claim 35 (new): The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the details include information relating to at least one of a gender, age, nationality, mother tongue, speech habit, speech pattern, place of residence, interest and hobby.

Claim 36 (new): The method as recited in claim 18, wherein the drag & drop command relates to the at least one of the first and second representative, and wherein the animation or interaction takes place depending on which of the two representatives the drag & drop command relates to.

Claim 37 (new): The method as recited in claim 22, wherein the recognition of the speech or text input or the video recognition takes place according to predeterminable criteria stored in a user profile allocated to at least one of the first and second users.

Claim 38 (new): The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the predeterminable criteria comprise details about at least one of the first and second users.

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Claim 39 (new): The method as recited in claim 38, wherein the details include information relating to at least one of a gender, age, nationality, mother tongue, speech habit, speech pattern, place of residence, interest and hobby.

Claim 40 (new): The method as recited in claim 27, wherein the and/or the interaction depends on the mood display, wherein the mood display displays a current prevailing emotional mood of at least one of the first and second users.

Claim 41 (new): The method as recited in claim 27, wherein the mood display for at least one of the first and second users displays a respective current prevailing emotional mood, and wherein further comprising modifying the mood display according to a transferred emotion and/or interaction.

Claim 42 (new): The method as recited in claim 32, wherein the selection is provided according to a mood display which, for at least one of the first and second users, displays a current prevailing emotional mood of the respective user.

Claim 43 (new): The method as recited in claim 32, wherein the selection is provided in a form of assembled groups and/or classes, at least one of the assembly of the classes and the selection of the animations and/or interactions is automatic and pseudo-randomly controlled.

Claim 44 (new): A system of carrying out the method as recited in claim 18.

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